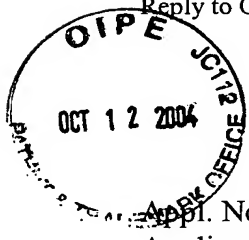


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RESPONSE AND ELECTION

(In response to Office action mailed September 9, 2004)

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated September 9, 2004
(Paper No. 09082004). The one month period for responding to the Office action expires on
October 11, 2004.

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single invention for prosecution on
the merits. Applicants hereby elect to proceed with the invention I, claims 1-10 and 12-13
drawn to a circuit board fixing table and method without traverse.

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October 8, 2004

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In the first substantive action, applicants requested acknowledgment of the priority claim, confirmation that the priority document has been received, and an initialed PTO-1449 confirming consideration of references cited in the IDS.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 34237.

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